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1. A method for the prevention or treatment of retinopathy which comprises administering to a mammal in need of such prevention or treatment an amount of a carbonic anhydrase inhibitor sufficient to prevent or treat retinopathy.
 2. A method according to Claim 1, wherein the retinopathy comprises diabetic retinopathy.
 3. A method according to Claim 2, wherein the diabetic retinopathy comprises non-proliferative diabetic retinopathy.
 4. A method according to Claim 2, wherein the diabetic retinopathy comprises diabetic macular edema.
 5. A method according to Claim 2, wherein the diabetic retinopathy comprises preproliferative or proliferative diabetic retinopathy.
 6. A method according to Claim 2 for the prevention of diabetic retinopathy in a diabetic not suffering from diabetic retinopathy which comprises administering to said diabetic an amount of a carbonic anhydrase inhibitor sufficient to prevent diabetic retinopathy.
 7. A method according to Claim 1, wherein the retinopathy comprises a vascular retinopathy.
 8. A method according to Claim 7, wherein the vascular retinopathy comprises branch retinal vein occlusion.

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9. A method according to Claim 7, wherein the vascular retinopathy comprises central retinal vein occlusion.

10. A method according to Claim 7, wherein the vascular retinopathy comprises sickle cell retinopathy.

5 11. A method according to Claim 7, wherein the vascular retinopathy comprises capillary occlusion or ischemia.

12. A method according to Claim 1, wherein the carbonic anhydrase inhibitor is administered ophthalmically to the eye or eyes.

10 13. A method according to Claim 1, wherein the carbonic anhydrase inhibitor is administered systemically.

14. A method according to Claim 13, wherein the carbonic anhydrase inhibitor is administered orally.

15. A method according to Claim 13, wherein the carbonic anhydrase inhibitor is administered parenterally.

15 16. A method according to Claim 1, wherein the carbonic anhydrase inhibitor is dorzolamide.

17. A method according to Claim 1, wherein the carbonic anhydrase inhibitor is acetazolamide.

20 18. A method according to Claim 1, wherein the carbonic anhydrase inhibitor is brinzolamide.

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